

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Treating Autoimmune Diseases"	)	Pasadena, California
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action on the Merits dated December 12, 2007, please amend the above identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper